

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS22299**

The purpose of this legislation is to address several issues arising from the testimony and discussion before the Senate Transportation Committee during the 2012 Legislative Session relating to House Bill 628a. On March 27, 2012, the Senate Transportation Committee formed an Interim Task Force encompassing members of the Idaho Senate and House of Representatives to further study these issues. On October 1, 2012, the Right-of-Way Task Force convened and accepted extensive testimony from several stakeholders and the public. The proposed legislation amends several statutory provisions to address the issues raised with the Interim Task Force and also represents a collaborative resolution of the stakeholder's interests. This legislation protects private property rights and ensures adequate public rights-of-way for transportation and utility facilities. It is the intent of the Legislature that this bill shall apply to any and all existing and future highways and public rights-of-way and includes an emergency clause due to the year delay in legislation and the immediate need to provide clarity regarding the status or abandonment of highways and public rights-of-way.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

There is no impact to the general fund.

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